

**Approved 03/10/2011**

**Exeter Fire District**

**(February 10, 2011)**

**Call to Order**

**Chairman Peter Lacouture called the January meeting of the Exeter Fire District to order at 7:10pm. Present were commissioners Lacouture, Rooney, Gallagher, and Nievera. There were 10 members of the public in attendance.**

### **Public Comment**

**There was no public comment.**

### **Treasurer's Report**

**Due to the absence of the district treasurer Mr. Nievera moved (Mr. Rooney second) tabling the report of the treasurer until the next regular meeting of the commissioners. The motion carried unanimously.**

### **Previous Month's Minutes**

**Mr. Gallagher moved (Mr. Rooney second) acceptance of the minutes of the January meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Nievera will re-circulate these minutes and file**

**them with the Secretary of State's office at his earliest convenience.**

## **Communications**

**All incoming mail has been given to the appropriate person for his/her action. Mr. Nievera reported the receipt of the annual request for information from the R. I. Ethics Commission. He will supply the requested information by the week end.**

## **Old Business**

**Mr. Lacouture gave a brief overview of the district budget request. Citing the weakness in the local economy, he asked what could be done by each entity that had requested an increase in excess of 5% to hold their request to 5% or less. He further stated that he would forgo the usual slide presentation and allow those with budget requests in excess of 5% to present (explain) their requests to the members.**

**Joe Conroy presented the budget request for EVFD #1. Their request is for \$170,000, an increase of 6.6%. (This will require a 2/3 majority vote at the annual meeting.)**

**Chief Franklin presented the budget request for EVFC #2. Their request is for \$145,900, an increase of 2.8%.**

**Chief Colacone presented the budget request for the EEDC. Their request is for \$308,700, an increase of 9.6%. (This will require a 2/3 majority vote at the annual meeting.)**

**Jack Kliever presented the budget for the Exeter Rescue Corps. Their request is for \$447,146, an increase of 4.9%.**

**Mr. Lacouture presented the budget request for the EFD administrative office. Their request is for \$23,164, an increase of 1.4%**

**Mr. Lacouture reminded all that there would be a budget hearing two weeks from tonight at the library beginning at 7:00.**

**Mr. Nievera read the report of the collector. The collector is proactively logging address changes so as to save time in July when the new bills are scheduled to be mailed. He also gave a brief status of the tax sale list and the process that is being undertaken in preparation for the sale.**

**Mr. Rooney met with his group for the ISO review and hopes to meet again within the week. Chief Jordan stated that he has much documentation to present to the committee.**

## **New Business**

**Chief Chamberlain reported that his work on grants continues. Installation on the exhaust system for station #1 is scheduled to begin late in February.**

**Mr. Kliever reported that the Rescue organization will begin a search for a rescue vehicle to replace R-2 in the near future.**

## **Next Meeting**

**A public budget hearing will be held on Thursday February 24, 2011. The proposed public safety budget for FY 2011/12 will be presented to the public at that time. That hearing will be held in the program room of the public library and will begin at 7pm.**

### **Adjournment**

**Mr. Nievera moved (Mr. Gallagher second) adjournment at 8:32 pm. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Bill Nievera, Clerk  
Exeter Fire District**